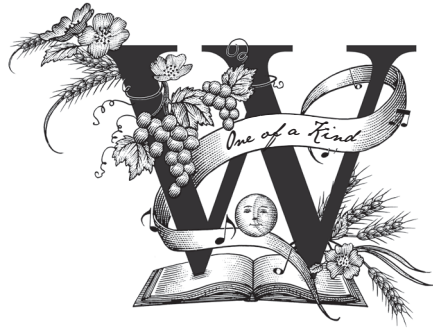


# WAITSBURG CELLARS



THE AROMATICS

*2013 Riesling*

OLD VINE

COLUMBIA VALLEY

*The Aromatics may be looked at in musical terms, as a band of skilled artists making beautiful melodies. The 'instruments' are the grape varieties – Chenin Blanc, Pinot Gris, and Riesling. Like many fine tools, they are well-aged, giving richer, rounder tones to their flavors. The 'players' are myself, the winemakers, and the growers – everyone who contributed to the final result. That is in the bottle – a taste of old vine, single vineyard, oak-free deliciousness. These wines express the detail, subtlety and depth rarely found at this price. We hope you enjoy the performance! – Paul Gregutt*

VINEYARD SOURCE: Willow Crest,  
Canyon Vineyard Ranch

BLEND: 100% Riesling

HARVEST DATE: October 2013

YEAST: Steinburg

MALOLACTIC: None

OAK/SS DETAIL: 100% Stainless

FINING: Bentonite

TA: 7.2 g/L

PH: 3.26

RS: 30 g/L

ALC: 12.2%

BOTTLED: 5/18/14

CASES PRODUCED: 165

RELEASE DATE: July 2014

## TASTING NOTE

The 2013 Riesling includes select grapes from three vineyards, most importantly the old vine Willow Crest grapes that were the focus previously. It's a lush, round, spicy, ripe wine, loaded with a barrage of fruits – stone fruits such as peaches and apricots; tree fruits such as pears and Asian pears; and spicy notes that suggest wintergreen, verbena, and more. There's a creamy wash of lemon meringue as well, and the wine has the length and the aromatics we require for all our white wines.

## VINTAGE NOTE

The warmest vintage in a decade, 2013's growing season cooled off just in time for harvest, and picking proceeded at a normal pace starting at the end of August. With a warm 2013 vintage, growers spread out canopies a bit more than usual and adjusted crop sizes to achieve a good balance of acidity and phenolic ripeness. Mother Nature made picking advantageous; varieties reached ripeness at different times, allowing crews a well-phased, thoughtfully planned harvest.